



General Assembly

Amendment

February Session, 2006

LCO No. 5144

SB0037105144HDO

Offered by:

REP. HAMM, 34th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **371**

File No. 420

Cal. No. 467

(As Amended)

***"AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES OPERATED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."***

1 Strike subsection (a) of section 1 in its entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, on and
4 before January 1, 2009, unless prior legislative approval is obtained in
5 accordance with this section, no state agency, including, but not
6 limited to, the Department of Children and Families, may close any (1)
7 residential facility, (2) group home for abused and neglected children,
8 (3) group home for children committed as delinquents, including
9 children in families with service needs, or (4) specialized group home
10 for abused, neglected or delinquent children, or for any children with
11 specialized mental health or behavioral needs."

12 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
13 internal references accordingly:

14 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Families
15 With Service Needs Advisory Board. The board shall consist of the
16 following members: (1) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief
17 Court Administrator's designee; (2) a judge of the Superior Court
18 assigned to hear juvenile matters, appointed by the Chief Justice; (3) a
19 public defender, assistant public defender or deputy assistant public
20 defender specializing in cases involving families with service needs,
21 appointed by the Chief Public Defender; (4) the Child Advocate, or the
22 Child Advocate's designee; (5) the executive director of the Center for
23 Children's Advocacy at The University of Connecticut School of Law;
24 (6) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
25 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to the judiciary and human services, or their designees; and (7)
27 one member appointed by the Governor. All appointments to the
28 board shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of
29 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
30 The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
31 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the board, from
32 among the members of the board. Such chairpersons shall schedule
33 the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not later than sixty
34 days after the effective date of this section.

35 (b) The Families With Service Needs Advisory Board shall (1)
36 monitor the progress being made by the Judicial Department in the
37 implementation of the requirements of public act 05-250, (2) provide
38 advice with respect to such implementation upon the request of the
39 Judicial Department or the General Assembly, and (3) not later than
40 January 1, 2007, make written recommendations to the Judicial
41 Department and the General Assembly, in accordance with the
42 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with respect to the
43 accomplishment of such implementation by the effective date of public
44 act 05-250. The board shall terminate on October 1, 2007."